



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:** For being a Drug User in Possession of a Firearm on January 28, 2009, Leonel Plesent was sentenced by the Honorable Joseph Bataillon, Chief United States District Judge, to serve 30 months in prison, which will be followed by a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment. On January 28, 2009, the Omaha ATF Field Office executed a federal search warrant at the rural residence of Luis Plesent Sr, his wife, and two sons, Leonel and Luis J. Plesent. Twenty-one firearms were found. A urine test confirmed the presence of cocaine in Leonel Plesent's system.

**Name of Defendant:** Leonel Plesent

**AKA:** n/a

**Age:** 22

**City of Residence:** Waterloo

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Drug User in Possession of a Firearm carries not more than 10 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** His home near Waterloo

**Location of Arrest:** His home near Waterloo

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** n/a

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** n/a

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** January 28, 2009

**Federal Arrest Date:** January 28, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:** January 29, 2009

**Indictment Returned Date:** February 19, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** February 25, 2009

**Plea Date(s):** May 12, 2009

**Sentencing Date:** August 14, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** n/a

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Hon. F. A. Gossett

**Held without Bond:** January 28, 2009 until May 6, 2009

**Released from Custody:** May 6, 2009

**In Continuous Custody Since:** n/a

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Hon. Joseph Bataillon

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** MDW